

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 16 FEBRUARY 2010
MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Rita Seethaler	Keith Ray
Jennifer Wood	Graeme Brown	Steve Coker
Clive Clayton		

Murrindindi Shire Council

Howard Paix	Mike Wasley	Sandra Slatter
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VBRA

Megan Lancaster	Julia Hovenden	Lucy Dalton
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DHS

Robert Hall

Centrelink

Jan O'Sullivan

Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Peter Cobb (DSE)	Nick Martin (DSE)	Jane Archbold (MSC)
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2. Apologies:

Bruce Ackerman (CRC)	Julia Peddie (CRC)	Geoff Pope (CRC)
Richard Rogerson (CRC Secretary)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Ray Siegersma (DHS)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Ray Siegersma had sent a request to amend action item 10 in the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February. The trades list held by Murrindindi Shire Council is a list of "approved" contractors, not "preferred" contractors. Taking in to account that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee. Rita Seethaler moved the motion to accept the minutes, Graeme Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

Note: Sandra Slatter advised that Ray Siegersma will meet with Tammy Atkins about the use of local contractors and will present to the Economic Leadership Group tomorrow.

5. Action item summary – 2 February 2010

	Action item	Action by:
1	Tony Thompson will arrange a meeting with Senior Police, Berry Street and Goulburn Valley Mental Health services to discuss concerns raised by the CRC about mental health issues in the Triangle area.	The meeting will be held in Yea on 17 February. Graeme Brown will attend with Tony Thompson.
2	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs subsequently submitted by PPF to support the CR template	Megan Lancaster will circulate.
3	Kevin Bellingham will raise the issue of a new generator for the mobile library with the Shire on 3 February, with the full support of the CRC.	Kevin Bellingham had advised that Council will take care of the generator – Tony Thompson will confirm.
4	Keith Ray to confirm his nomination for the position of CRC Treasurer.	Keith Ray declined the opportunity – see note below.
5	Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph	Megan Lancaster will advise.

Action: Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.

Action: Tony Thompson will confirm that Murrindindi Shire Council will replace the portable generator for the mobile library, as advised by Cr Kevin Bellingham.

Action: Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph

Action item 4: CRC Treasurer

Steve Coker volunteered to be the CRC's Treasurer. Keith Ray moved a motion to appoint Steve as Treasurer, Jennifer Wood seconded the motion, motion carried. Congratulations, Steve!

6. Guests

6.1 Peter Cobb, DSE

Peter Cobb introduced Nick Martin, who is responsible for communications for the local DSE.

Peter advised:

- Main focus for DSE is Steavensons Falls. A design brief has gone to tender, he hopes to have the final tender result later this week.
- There is high level expectation that the reserve will be open to the public in late August. This creates some difficulties to manage, particularly construction during winter. There was significant damage to the falls area. There will be some public consultation about the design however timeframes will be tight given the completion date. Peter requested that CR Committee members discuss this project with the groups they represent so that the broader community is aware of the project.
- The rebuild of the Steavensons Falls precinct is a \$3 million project. It will be made up of a combination of insurance funds, disaster relief funding and regional infrastructure funding.
- Works on the hydroelectric system continue in parallel to the rebuild of the Falls area.
- Keppels Hut – works are nearly complete, hope to be finished by early March.

- Talbot Drive – works are shared with Parks Vic. Hope to have it open by the March long weekend or the school holidays.
- DSE signs will be replaced around the Marysville and Triangle area.
- Yellow Dog Road picnic area is still closed.
- Red Hill and Michaeldene walking tracks are open.
- The replacement of footbridges along many walking tracks is a major project.
- Tree safety is a primary concern for DSE. The yellow hazard signs will be around in the area for some time.
- Would like to link up with MMT and share material and information.
- Marysville was selected as the trial location for new State Forest signs.
- Graeme Brown advised that MATDG are having a community consultation session on 28 February and would like DSE to attend. Vic Forest and VBRRRA will also attend.

6.2 Jane Archbold, Manager Community Development, Murrindindi Shire Council

Jane Archbold's comments to the CRC are summarised below:

- Congratulations to the CRC for the work that has been done to date. There has been an amazing commitment to the role and CRC's efforts as volunteers are recognised within Council.
- The CRC role is vital as an advisory committee to Council and also as a conduit for Council.
- The CRC role is changing; community recovery plans are well documented. There is a requirement to administer funds, such as the Summer Events program.
- There is funding available in the CRC budget, for example \$5,000 for communications which hasn't been used.
- The CRC has a 2 year life span.
- Input required on the need and location for community notice boards.
- Community recovery funds are available for the regeneration of community spaces. The CRC will play a role in recommending where funds should be expended.
- VBAF funds are depleting, will continue to seek other sources of funding for projects where possible.
- There are opportunities to assist the CRC in 'skilling up'.
- Recruitment is an issue currently facing Marysville and Triangle CRC.

6.3 Discussion – CRC recruitment

Megan Lancaster, Howard Paix and Mike Wasley tabled the documents "Section 86 – Recruitment and Selection of Marysville CRC members" and a copy of page 3 of the minutes from the S. 86 meeting held on 4 February. The Section 86 Committee noted the proposed recruitment process outlined in the first document. The CRC considered the structure of the CRC and the recruitment process together. The notion of CRC portfolios was discussed. The Committee agreed that each person represents a range of groups and it might be difficult to break it up in to portfolios. The main task is to attract new people to the CRC particularly with backgrounds of business and tourism. The Committee agreed the following areas should be the primary focus for recruitment would be for people with experience in:

- Business and tourism
- Arts and culture
- Community health/ community development/community welfare
- Communications

It was noted that a fundamental principle of sustainability also applies across these main areas.

The following amendments will be made to the recruitment and selection paper:

- Delete reference to dollar values of projects listed in the background section

- In 3. Selection criteria, sub section 5 will be amended to add reference to experience in one or more of the four areas outlined above, although applicants should not necessarily be limited to those criteria
- Delete references to 'portfolios'
- In 4. Selection process, amend to selection panel to be three members of the CRC and two representatives of the Shire.

Once the amendments are made, the revised recruitment and selection process document will be circulated to the CRC before being submitted to the Section 86 Committee.

Action: Megan Lancaster will work with Howard Paix and Mike Wasley to revise the Recruitment and Selection of Marysville CRC members document and will circulate to the CRC for comment before re-submitting to the Section 86 Committee.

7. Business Arising

7.1 Events Toolbox – Lions Club

Tony Thompson advised that the Lions Club has endorsed the proposal that it would take ownership of the community events tool box.

7.2 New Community Recovery projects submitted

7.2.1 Tennis courts in Marysville

Robert Hall advised that he had had feedback that there were no submissions to upgrade any tennis facilities at Marysville. Keith Ray advised that the courts are in good condition, are not locked and are available for anyone to use.

7.3 Summer Events applications

There have been no new summer events applications. Jennifer Wood raised the issue of how groups should report back to the CRC about the expenditure of the money, as required by VBAF. It was agreed that Robyn Hill will draft a report template for successful summer events applicants to complete as part of the governance required.

Action: Robyn Hill will draft a report template for successful summer events applicants to complete as part of the governance required under the VBAF guidelines.

7.4 MTCRC Treasurer

Refer to the note in the action item summary.

8. Other Business

8.1 First anniversary of Black Saturday

The budget for the first anniversary event was exceeded. The outstanding amount of between \$1,500 and \$1,800 is being sourced.

8.2 Committee of Management, Car Museum – report

Sandra Slatter advised that the final certificate of occupancy at the car museum is yet to be passed. One outstanding issue related to noise pollution, there are also about 15 minor jobs outstanding. Council is waiting to achieve the lease on the upper floor – some weight restrictions have been placed on the use of the upper floor, these restrictions are being checked.

The Committee of Management meet on an as needs basis.

Discussions about the future use of the building are ongoing.

Concerns were raised about the design of the car park.

8.4 Economic Leadership Group report

The Economic Leadership group will meet tomorrow.

8.5 Portable building offer from Parks Vic – community space

Neither Ray Siegersma nor Julia Peddie was present to talk to this agenda item.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Murchison Street and Township Amenity project

The workshop to discuss the landscaping and civil works will be held on 24 February 2010 at 6pm at the Marysville Golf Club.

10. General business

10.1 Expenses – CRC Chair

Tony Thompson advised that he was submitting expenses for the month of January for \$420.90. The expenses were made up of \$136.10 for telephone, \$72.80 for fuel, \$187 for catering for CRC meetings, and room hire.

Clive Clayton moved a motion to approve the Chair's expenses, Keith Ray seconded the motion, motion carried.

10.2 Gallipoli Park buildings

Keith Ray tabled the proposed drawings for the Gallipoli Park buildings. Consultation about the design of the lower level is ongoing. It has been designed to cater for functions, with kitchen areas, multipurpose rooms, club rooms and function areas. The plans are not final. There is a hope to commence construction in April, to be open by October.

10.3 Article in the Age “Experts Challenge rush to rebuild Marysville”

This article was published in the Age on 15 February reflecting on issues raised at the Royal Commission. Graeme Brown was concerned about the emphasis on the article and its potential impact on the recovery of Marysville.

10.4 Roadside verges

Graeme Brown addressed the concern that some of the roadside verges were overgrown and messy. He stated that the Council controlled roads had been cleaned up as committed by the CEO, Rob Croxford but the Vic Roads roads were not maintained satisfactorily. Of particular concern is the Buxton – Marysville Road. Graeme Brown moved a motion that the CRC write a letter to VicRoads in relation to the poorly maintained roadside verges around Marysville, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, motion carried.

Action: Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson will write a letter to VicRoads expressing the CRC's concern about poorly maintained verges in the Marysville area.

10.5 MOCA meeting

Steve Coker advised that MOCA met last month. About 50 – 60 people attended the meeting. At the meeting, Steve Coker tabled a summary of the projects that have been approved in the Triangle area. The purpose of the summary was to engender positive support in the area. Steve Coker will send the document to Tony Thompson for distribution to the CRC.

Action: Steve Coker will circulate the summary of approved projects in the Triangle area to the CRC.

Steve Coker questioned Megan Lancaster about the process of administering grants made available in Murrindindi Shire. Megan Lancaster advised that VBRRRA and Council are working on a model to progress this.

Action: Megan Lancaster to advise the CRC about the model for administering funds received from VBAF or other sources.

Steve Coker requested an update on the request for assistance with the repeater at Mt Gordon.

Action: Graeme Brown advised that he had not yet received a reply in relation to the request and would follow up.

MOCA will meet again on 15 March, 2010.

10.6 Project Managers to assist with rebuilding

Robert Hall raised this issue on behalf of Ray Siegersma. Consideration should be given to the possibility of engaging project managers to be available to assist people to rebuild their properties. For example, for 'part timers' it is very difficult to be on site managing the process, even being there to accept deliveries. Graeme Brown advised that MATDG has had an offer from Bunnings to assist owner builders and could work together with Ray to further consider this opportunity.

10.7 Narbethong Community Meeting

Megan Lancaster advised that Kim Kennedy and Jo Kasch want to hold a Narbethong Community meeting on 24 February. It clashed with the Marysville streetscape meeting. Megan will see if the timing of the meeting can be changed to allow people to attend both meetings if they wished to.

12. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 5.30pm at Maryton Park. Jennifer Wood advised that she would apologise in advance for her absence at that meeting due to a clash with a Narbethong Hall meeting in Melbourne on the same day.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

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3	Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph.	Megan Lancaster
4	Megan Lancaster will work with Howard Paix and Mike Wasley to revise the Recruitment and Selection of Marysville CRC members and will circulate to the CRC for comment before submitting to the Section 86 Committee.	Megan Lancaster, Howard Paix and Mike Wasley
5	Robyn Hill will draft a report template for successful summer events applicants to complete as part of the governance required under the VBAF guidelines.	Robyn Hill
6	Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson will write a letter to VicRoads expressing the CRC's concern about poorly maintained verges in the Marysville area.	Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson
7	Steve Coker will circulate the summary of approved projects in the Triangle area to the CRC	Steve Coker
8	Megan Lancaster to advise the CRC about the model for administering funds received from VBAF or other sources.	Megan Lancaster
9	Graeme Brown advised that he had not yet received a reply in relation to the request for assistance with the repeater at Mt Gordon and would follow up.	Graeme Brown